

# **WANDERERS SACK POWELL**

**THERE** was a shock this week for Wycombe Wanderers' fans when the club dismissed their manager Ted Powell after nine months. His assistant, John Rardon, takes over until the end of the season.

Powell was sacked when he told club chairman Reg Williams that he had applied for a top coaching post in Malawi, Southern Africa. The chairman and his committee unanimously agreed that the club could not await the outcome of Powell's application.

They felt that the club was at a crucial stage of the season — the Blues are placed third in the Rothmans Isthmian League — and also had to make immediate plans for the 1978 season.

Powell took over from Brian Lee in July last year and followed a man who brought Wycombe Wanderers the best years in their 91 year history. Powell, a former England international and Wycombe player, said he was extremely upset by the club's decision.

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